

## Stevens Thomson Mason to Andrew Jackson, May 25, 1798, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### STEVENS THOMSON MASON TO JACKSON.

Philadelphia, May 25, 1798.

*Dear Sir:* On Friday last we recd intelligence through different channels that our commissioners [were] recd and negotiating.<sup>1</sup> it seemed generally beleived and produced great chagrin and open declarations of dissatisfaction among the Tory Party, who seemed fearful that we should be obliged to have peace however to do all they could to guard against such an evil and to secure us the b[lessings] of War our War committee in about four hours after s[ub]mitted a Bill to authorise the Presdt to send out our armed force to take and bring for condemnation all French Cruizers. the [Bill] has passed the Senate and will I beleive go through the H of Representatives I have all along considered it as a declaration of war some of the most candid of its advocates admit that it is tantamount to it. We often wish [you] back.

<sup>1</sup> The Republicans, friendly to France, were loth to admit that the commissioners from the United States were rebuffed in Paris.

Yours Sincerely